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SENATOR CHAMBERS: This service provider does not have such a certificate?

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Chambers, this is what we are defining for purposes of this bill, as what the service provider is. When you asked me what is a service provider, I gave you a very general answer. But this is the definition as used in this AMO499 of what a service provider is. The definition is right there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Bromm. I don't see it as a definition. I see it as designating an entity without telling us what makes that entity what it is. This language says, starting in line 10, "The commission shall not provide assistance unless the service provider is an eligible service provider of telecommunications..." and this other series of If it's a definition, they should say, "A service provider is such and such; an eligible service provider..." because there is no definition of eligible service provider. It says what this eligible service provider is providing. That's not a definition. We're talking about the distribution of We're talking about a category of providers. We don't know what that category consists of. We only know what it is But by rule and regulation, the PSC can change all of this by designating the other services that are involved. If in other words...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you're going to determine what an eligible service provider is by the services provided, and the Public Service Commission, by rule and res...regulation, can designate what those services are, then every time they put in another service, you've changed the definition of eligible service provider, but we don't even have a definition in the first place. This is what Senator Wehrbein was seeing when I was discussing his milk bill. But this legislation is not compact language that the state had to accept, it was drafted by somebody and somebody's staff, and I'm not going to have the opportunity on this amendment to find out what it means because it's my third time. But I'm not through with it by a long shot.